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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI REEIMPHASIZES  
IMPORTANCE OF CAP AND PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCITY IN MTN

REF: EC BRUSSELS 2692

1. SUMMARY. EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI HELD A  
PRESS CONFERENCE ON MAY 17 DURING WHICH HE REVIEWED  
THE COMMISSION' S WORK AFTER FOUR MONTHS IN OFFICE AND  
TOOK A LOOK AHEAD. IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS ON THE  
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COMMUNITY' S OVERALL APPROACH TO THE MULTILATERAL TRADE

NEGOTIATIONS ( MTN) IN THE GATT ( SEE REFTTEL), ORTOLI SAID THAT THE COMMISSION' S PAPER WOULD BE IGED IN FORM ( ALTHOUGH NOT IN SUBSTANCE) TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY ( CAP) IS NOT NEGOTIABLE AND TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCITY. END SUMMARY.

2 THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. FRANCOIS- XAVIER ORTOLI, HELD HIS FIRST MAJOR PRESS CONFERENCE ON MAY 17 TO REPORT ON THE EC COMMISSION' S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AFTER 120 DAYS OF THE COMMUNITY OF NINE, AND TO OUTLINE ITS FUTURE TASKS.

3. IN HIS REMARKS ( HE SPOKE WITHOUT A TEXT), ORTOLI DESCRIBED FIRST THE ROLE OF THE COMMISSION. HE STRESSED ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR INITIATING POLICIES, WHICH MAKES IT THE MOVING FORCE OF THE COMMUNITY, AND ITS POLITICAL NATURE. HE NOTED THAT THE COMMISSION HAS FULFILLED ITS ROLE IN BOTH ADAPTING THE COMMUNITY APPARATUS TO THE ADJUSTMENTS REQUIRED IN ABSORBING THREE NEW MEMBERS, AND IN PREPARING THE VARIOUS PROPOSALS REQUESTED BY LAST OCTOBER' S EC SUMMIT ( ON THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION, REGIONAL AFFAIRS, SOCIAL POLICY, ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND ON THE UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS WITH AFRICAN ASSOCIATES AND COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATES), ALL AGAINST DEMANDING DEADLINES.

4. THREE CHARACTERISTICS HAVE MARKED THE COMMISSION' S WORK, HE SAID: ( A) A CONSTANT CONCERN FOR COHERENCE ( THAT IS, THAT THE THIRTEEN COMMISSIONERS MUST WORK TOGETHER TO AVOID THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES WHICH ARE EITHER CONTRADICTORY OR UNCOORDINATED); ( B) SUPPORT FOR THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AS EVIDENCED BY COMMISSION PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES AND IN QUESTION TIME; AND ( C) INCREASED CONTACTS BY THE COMMISSION WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF MEMBER STATES IN NATIONAL CAPITALS. THIS LATTER EFFORT PROVIDES FOR AN OPEN AND FRANK DIALOGUE AND, BY KNOWING THE MEMBER STATES' VIEWS, ORTOLI SAID THE COMMISSION IS ABLE TO TAKE POSITIONS A LITTLE IN ADVANCE OF THEM ( ANOTHER EVIDENCE OF THE COMMISSION' S ROLE AS " MOTOR" OF THE COMMUNITY).

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5. IN LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE, ORTOLI NOTED THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO SUPPLEMENT POLITICAL DESIRES WITH DAY- TO- DAY ACTION. " POLITICAL DETERMINATION MUST BE TRANSLATED INTO ACTS," HE SAID. THE TASKS OUTLINED BY LAST YEAR' S EC SUMMIT MUST BE COMPLETED BY 1975, THE YEAR OF THE NEXT SUMMIT MEETING WHICH WILL BE CRUCIAL IN DECIDING HOW EUROPEAN UNION WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY 1980.

6. IN A HALF- HOUR LONG QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD, ORTOLI

MADE SEVERAL ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS.

ON MTN, ORTOLI SAID THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE MAY 15 CONCIL DEBATE ON THE COMMISSION' S PAPER ON AN OVERALL APPROACH TO THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE GATT, CHANGES WOULD BE MADE IN THE FORM OF THE PAPER BUT NOT ITS SUBSTANCE. THERE WILL BE A CLEARER STATEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY' S GENERAL GOALS. THERE WILL ALSO BE A MORE EXPLICIT STATEMENT ( A) THAT THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY IS INVOLABLE AND WILL BE MAINTAINED, AND ( B) OF THE NECESSITY OF ACHIEVING RECIPROCITY IN ANY CONCESSIONS. THE COMMISSION WILL ALSO MAKE A CLEAR STATEMENT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFEGUARDING WHAT THE COMMUNITY HAS SO FAR ACHIEVED ( THE " AQUIS COMMUNAUTAIRE"). IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE COMMISSION VIEWS CURRENT US- EC PROBLEMS GLOBALLY OR SECTORALLY, ORTOLI SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE PROBLEMS ARE OBVIOUSLY INTERCONNECTED, THEY COULD NOT BE ALL LUMPED IN THE SAME BASKET.

7. ON ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION, ORTOLI SAID THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO RESTORE UNITY. HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPEAN UNION BY 1980.

8. WITH RESPECT TO THE STRENGTHENING OF COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS, ORTOLI SAID THAT THE COMMISSION STILL FAVORED DIRECT ELECTION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. IN THE ABSENCE OF A DECISION BY THE PARIS SUMMIT, HOWEVER, THE COMMISSION WOULD TAKE NO INITIATIVE ON THE MATTER. HE SAID THAT THE COMMISSION WILL FORMULATE PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE THE PARLIAMENT' S BUDGETARY CONTROL, BUT NOTED THAT THE PARLIAMENT CANNOT BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMMISSION' S DECISION- MAKING PROCESS BECAUSE THAT WOULD PRE- EMPT THE COMMISSION' S POWER OF  
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INITIATIVE. HE SAID THAT IN THE FUTURE COMMISSIOR PROPOSALS WOULD CARRY DEADLINES, AND SAID THAT HE EXPECTED THAT, AFTER THE SUMMER RECESS, THE NUMBER OF SPECIALIZED COUNCILS HELD EACH MONTH WOULD BE INCREASED.  
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